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SUBJECT: TUAC REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION PRIOR TO
ECONOMIC SUMMIT

REFS: (A) STATE 65124; (B) OECD PARIS 8033

1. AT MARCH 24 HEADS OF DEL MEETING THE FOLLOWING
CONSENSUS WAS REACHED WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY CONCERNING
THE TUAC REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION:

(A) THAT WE AGREE TO CONSULTATIONS
ON MAY 5 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LIAISON
COMMITTEE. (WE AGREED WITH DATE ON LEARNING
THAT ALLEN WAS UNAVAILABLE MAY 3-4. ONLY
GERMANY SHARED VERBALLY U.S. SENTIMENT
CONCERNING DATE).

(B) THAT REPRESENTATION BY MEMBER COUNTRIES
SHOULD BE AT THE PERMREP LEVEL. (SWISS,
SPANISH, AND NORWEGIAN DELS, WHILE SUPPORTING
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CONCEPT, LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE
BY OFFICIALS FROM THEIR CAPITALS.)

(C) THAT CHAIRMAN ALLEN SHOULD BE THE ONLY
EPC MEMBER TO ATTEND THE MEETING, THUS
PROVIDING FOR ONE VOICE ON THE EPC VIEW OF
THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

2. CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS OF LIAISON COMMITTEE IN MEETINGS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. THOSE RULES (OECD COUNCIL DOC. (C(62)45)) PERMIT ATTENDANCE OF NON-MEMBERS, BUT DO NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER NON-MEMBERS MAY INTERVENE IN DISCUSSION; HOWEVER SECRETARIAT LEGAL STAFF STATES THAT NON-MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT TUAC IS FREE TO ISSUE ITS OWN STATEMENT, BUT THAT OECD WOULD NOT ISSUE ONE, SINCE STATEMENT WOULD BE HARD TO NEGOTIATE AND MIGHT ENGAGE ORGANIZATION IN PUBLIC DEBATE OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE.

4. HEADS OF DELS ALSO AGREED TO FRENCH SUGGESTION TO INVITE TUAC REPS TO LUNCHEON ON GROUNDS OF EQUAL TREATMENT WITH BIAC. DELS AGREED THAT BIAC SHOULD HAVE LIKE OPPORTUNITY WITH LIAISON COMMITTEE. BIAC, HOWEVER, INFORMED SECRETARIAT IT WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DO SO UNTIL LATE IN YEAR, AT THE EARLIEST.

5. DEPUTY SEC GEN INFORMED DELS OF CONTENTS OF MARCH 18 TUAC LETTER TO OECD WHICH MADE FOLLOWING

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POINTS:

(A) TUAC WELCOMES INTERESTED NON-LIAISON
COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND CONSULTATION.

(B) IT WOULD NOT SEND DELEGATION TO LONDON
SUMMIT BUT THAT ITS NATIONAL AFFILIATES
(E.G., TUC, AFL-CIO) WOULD TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE
BILATERAL INITIATIVES.

(C) TUAC WOULD LIMIT ANY STATEMENTS TO THE
PRESS TO THE TRADE UNION VIEW POINT ONLY,
WITHOUT MENTIONING POSITION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXPRESSED DURING MAY 5 CONSULTATIONS.

6. DELS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED AND INSISTED THAT TUAC
DOCUMENTS ARRIVE IN CAPITALS THREE WEEKS BEFORE MAY
MEETING IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION BY
GOVERNMENTS, AND TO ENABLE LIAISON COMMITTEE TO
PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN CONSULTATIONS ON TUAC PROPO-
SALS. (IN THIS REGARD, FRENCH DEL SAID LIAISON
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COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT SIT IN COURTEOUS BUT QUOTE
STONY SILENCE UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD HAVE SAME EFFECT
AS REFUSAL OF A MEETING, BUT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN
DISCUSSIONS.)

7. AS LATEST TUAC COMMUNICATION (MARCH 18) DID NOT
MENTION PARTICIPATION BY MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE BUREAU, IT CURRENTLY APPEARS THAT MSAC WILL
NOT BE INVITED TO MAY 5 CONSULTATIONS.

8. SECRETARIAT WILL COMMUNICATE CONSENSUS OF MEETING
TO TUAC, AND WILL CALL ANOTHER MEETING OF HEADS OF
DELS TO DISCUSS AGENDA, BUT NO DATE WAS SET.
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